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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with
respect to the right to life.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VOLKMER introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States with respect to the right to life.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. With respect to the right to life, the
3 word ‘person’ as used in this article and in the fifth and
4 fourteenth articles of amendment to the Constitution of
5 the United States applies to all human beings irrespective
6 of age, health, function, or condition of dependency, in-
7 cluding their unborn offspring at every state of their bio-
8 logical development.

9 “SECTION 2. No unborn person shall be deprived of
10 life by any person: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this
11 article shall prohibit a law permitting only those medical
12 procedures required to prevent the death of the mother.

13 “SECTION 3. The Congress and the several States
14 shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate
15 legislation.

16 “SECTION 4. This article shall be inoperative unless
17 it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Con-
18 stitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
19 States, within ten years of the date of its submission to
20 the States by the Congress.”.

